— Expanding the base of quality Tobacco in light soils by indentification of suitable soils.

— Regular monitoring and strict control of pesticide residues.

— improving grading at farm level.

Auction Platforms in Tribal Areas of Andhra Pradesh

4335. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco Board has put up auction platforms in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the number of such platforms catering largely to tribal areas; aud

(c) the quantity of tobacco purchased last year from such auction platforms ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). Three in 1994 season.

(c) Platform.

Platform	Qty. Marketed ((Kgs.) in 1993
1. Bhadrachalam-I .	4,672,478
2. Bhadrachalam-II .	3,057,866
3. Koyyalagudem .	5,781,451
4. Jangareddy Gudem	7,712,794

Non-product Specific A.M.S. on Agriculture

4336. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) The Domestic Support in India on Non-Product Specific Aggregate Measurement Support in the list of commitments in agriculture as provided in GATT proposals on Diesel, lubricants, machinery and finance etc : and

(b) how much support component of non-product specific Aggregate Measurement Support on fertilizer, electricity, major, medium and minor irrigation, credit and seeds are attributed to 17 products specified in the list of Product Specific Aggregate Measurement Support ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The non-product specific Aggregate Measurements Support (AMS) has been calculated taking into account subsidies on fertilizers, credit, electricity, irrigation and supply of seeds during the base period 1986—89. The support being non-product specific in nature, it cannot be attributed to any product group. The details of calculations of AMS on these items arc provided in the Schedule of commitments to GATT, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

No separate calculation has been made in respect of diesel, lubricants, machinery, finance etc.

Consignments Inspected by Export Inspection Council

4337. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of consignments inspected by Export Inspection Council, in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of them that were found lacking specifications prescribed by Government during this period;

(c) the action taken against the erring exporters/manufacturers;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to remove the compulsory pre-shipment' inspection and if so. the reasons therefor; and

a) what other steps Government proposed to take to ensure quality control of export goods in accordance with international standards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The Export Inspection Council (EIC) does not carry out any inspection of export consignments, 5 Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) under the administrative

and technical control of the EIC carry out inspection of export consignments. The number of inspections carried out by these EIAs under the consignment-wise inspection system and the number of consignments which were not certified as export worthy by these EIAs because these consignments did not match the recognised specification during the last 3 years, are given below:—

Year	No. of consignments inspected	No. of consignments rejected
1991-92 .	92,859	1,966
1992-93 .	30,020	819
1993-94 . (Provisional)	14,958	553

Details of consignments certified under the In-process Quality Control (IPQC) System during the last 3 years are as follows :

Year	No. of consignments	Rejections
1991-92 .	43,687	Nil
1992-93 .	20,035	Nil
1993-94 . (Provisional)	11,510	Nil

(c) A statement is laid on the table of the House, (see below)

(d) No Sir.

(e) EIAs are extending their technical expertise to the manufacturers and exporters for enabling them to upgrade their quality in conformity with international standerds.

Statement

Details regarding action taken against the erring exporters/Manufacturers

Action taken by EIC/EIAs against the erring exporters/manufacturers durincr the last 3 years is as follows •

1991-92 :

fa) Penalty imposed by the Court on the complaints *filed by EIAs*—

Fine ranging from Rs. 1000/-to Rs. 5000 was imposed on 6 manufacturers/exporters.

(b) *Complaints filed by EIAs in the Courts*—

Complaint was filed against one manufacturer/ exporter.

(c) Action through adjudication pro ceedings under Section 10-K of the Export (Quality Control and In spection) *Act,* 1963 *against expor ters/manufacturers*—

While 2 exporters were warned in writing, a penalty of Rs. 14,000/— was imposed against 1 manufacturer exporter.

(d) No. of cases referred to the Director General, Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce for initiating action against erring manufacturers/exporters—

NIL

1992-93 :

(a) Penalty imposed by the Court on the complaints *filed by EIAs*— NIL

(b) *Complaints filed by EIAs in the Courts*—
NIL

(c) Action through adjudication pro ceedings under Section 10-K of the Export (Quality Control and In spection) *Act,* 1963 *against expor ters/manufacturers*—

Two manufacturers/exporters were given penalty of Rs. 5,000 each.

(d) No. of cases referred to the Director General, Foreign Trade (DGFT) Ministry of Commerce for initiating action *against erring manufacturers/exporters—'*

Five cases

1993-94:

(a) Penalty imposed by the Court on the complaints *filed by EIAs*—

Rigorous imprisonment for 2 years and a fine of Rs. 5,000 in default 30 days simple imprisonment and also fine of Rs. 1,000 in default 10 days rigorous imprisonment and also fine of Rs. 6,000 imposed by the Court on 1 manu-facturer/excorter.

(b) *Complaints filed by EIAs in the Courts—*

Complaints were filed by EIA's in the Courts against 3 manufacturers-exporters.

(c) Action through adjudication pro ceedings under Section 10-K of the Export (Quality Control and In spection) *Act,* 1963 *against expor ters/manufacturers—*

Proceedings were initiated against 1 manufacturer/exporter.

(d) No. of cases referred to the Direc tor General, Foreign Trade (DGFT) Ministry of Commerce for initiat ing action *against erring manufac turers/exporters—*

16 cases.

Export of Inorganic Fertilizer/Pesticides Free Fruit and Vegetables

4338. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to export vegetables and fruits grown without the use of inorganic fertilizer or pesticide ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for such products in the West especially in America and Canada and EEC countries and that there is a premium of Rs. 300 to Rs. 900 pel' cent. in such vegetables and fruits in the international market;

(c) what is the quantity and value of exports of such products during each of the last 3 years ; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to encourage such exports and also to help the farmers for increasing the growth of such products ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) The international demand for vegetables and fruits grown without the use of inorganic fertilizer and pesticide is increasing provided they are certified as such. The premium on these products varies from product to product and place to place, but normally it is quite high.

As no separate classification is made for such products, details of exports are not available.

The, following steps have already been taken by Government for encouraging the exports of organically produced agricultural items :

(i) A dossier has been submitted to EEC for registering India as a supplier of tea, coffee, fresh fruits and vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables, honey and jaggery, spices, etc.

(ii) A Standing-cum-Accreditation Committee has been formed to evolve the policies and procedures for accre-dition, inspection and certification agencies.

पुरानी मशीनों का आयात

4339. श्री राम जेटमलानी :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में सरकार ने देश में पुरानी मशीनों का आयात करने की अनुमति दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त मशीनरी को कौन-कौन से उद्योगों में प्रयोग में लाया जाएगा;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दो वर्ष पूर्व उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति को अपनाने के कारण देश के उद्योगों को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में सफलतापूर्वक प्रतिस्पर्धा करने में सक्षम बनाना आवश्यक है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या भारतीय उद्योग ऐसी पुरानी मशीनों तथा अप्रचलित प्रौद्योगिकी की सहा-यता से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में ऐसे राष्ट्रों, जो नवीन-तम मशीनों तथा प्रौद्योगिकी का प्रयोग करके उत्पादन कर रहे हैं, के साथ सफलतापूर्वक प्रतिस्पर्धा करने की स्थिति में होगा ; और

(ङ) यदि हां तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) सभी औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में वास्तविक उपयोगकर्ताओं को ऐसी पुरानी मशीनरी का बिना